



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6007

LCO No. 3509

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CREATING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) For purposes of this section, "affordable
2 housing unit" means affordable housing development, as defined in
3 subsection (a) of section 8-30g of the general statutes, and assisted
4 housing, as defined in subsection (a) of section 8-30g of the general
5 statutes.

6 (b) There is established an Affordable Housing Incentive Program.
7 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
8 provide grants to municipalities that add affordable housing units to
9 their housing stock, in order to assist municipalities in defraying costs
10 associated with any additional services required. The program shall
11 also provide municipalities with technical assistance in the planning
12 and development of affordable housing.

13 (c) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
14 shall provide a list annually to the Commissioner of Environmental
15 Protection listing municipalities where the number of affordable

16 housing units has increased by two per cent of the total housing stock.
17 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall give such
18 municipalities priority for funding under the open space and
19 watershed land acquisition grant program established pursuant to
20 section 7-131d of the general statutes.

21 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
22 shall adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54 of the general statutes,
23 to carry out the purposes of this section. Such regulations shall include
24 the method used to determine the total number of housing units and
25 the number of existing and new affordable housing units in a
26 municipality, application procedures for both technical assistance and
27 for grants, a description of the technical assistance available, the
28 method used to allocate grants and eligible costs, and the method used
29 to determine an increase.

30 (e) There is established a separate, nonlapsing affordable housing
31 incentive account within the General Fund. Payment from the account
32 shall be made upon authorization by the Commissioner of Economic
33 and Community Development and shall be used by said commissioner
34 for purposes of this section.

35 Sec. 2. The sum of five million dollars is appropriated, from the
36 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, to the affordable
37 housing incentive account established by section 1 of this act.

38 Sec. 3. The sum of ten million dollars is appropriated, from the
39 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to the affordable
40 housing incentive account established by section 1 of this act.

41 Sec. 4. The sum of fifteen million dollars is appropriated, from the
42 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, to the affordable
43 housing incentive account established by section 1 of this act.

44 Sec. 5. The sum of twenty million dollars is appropriated, from the
45 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to the affordable

46 housing incentive account established by section 1 of this act.

47 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To create an incentive fund to encourage the development of affordable housing, and to provide priority for open space funding for towns that do provide such housing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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